

We Claim:

1. A one-piece report cover for holding a report document in combination with a binding structure, the combination comprising:

5 a one-piece report cover having a back panel;

a female connector panel having fastening means for fastening the female connector panel to the back panel of the one-piece report cover at at least two points during use and a plurality of integrally formed hinges positioned parallel to an edge of the female connector panel for folding the female connector panel about an edge of a report 10 document during use;

an aperture through the female connector panel positioned between the two fastened points;

a male connector panel having a tab portion sized and shaped to fit through the aperture of the female connector panel, the aperture removably retaining the tab portion beneath the female connector panel during use providing means for disassembly of the 15 male connector panel by discrete disassembly manipulation; and

a binding element for binding the female connector panel, a report document and the male connector panel together during use, the binding element fixing the relationship between the female connector panel, report document and the male connector panel 20 preventing disengagement of the tab portion of the male connector panel from the aperture of the female connector panel during use.

2. The combination of claim 1 wherein the binding element is a plurality of staples.

3. The combination of claim 1 wherein the binding element is a pronged fastener and the male connector panel further comprises a plurality of apertures for receiving prongs of the pronged fastener.

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4. The combination of claim 3 wherein the female connector panel further comprises at least one aperture for receiving prongs of the pronged fastener.

5. In a report cover having a front panel, a back panel, a first connector panel fastened to the 10 back panel at at least two points with at least three parallel hinges and a second connector panel for engagement with the first connector panel, wherein the improvement comprises:

an aperture through the first connector panel positioned between the two fastened points; and

15 a tab portion connected to the second connector panel sized and shaped to fit through the aperture of the first connector panel, the aperture retaining the tab portion beneath the first connector panel during use.

6. The improvement of claim 5 wherein a report document is fastened between the first connector panel and the second connector panel by a binding element.

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7. The improvement of claim 6 wherein the binding element is a plurality of staples.

8. The improvement of claim 6 wherein the binding element is a pronged fastener and the second connector panel further comprises a plurality of apertures for receiving prongs of the pronged fastener.

5 9. The improvement of claim 8 wherein the first connector panel further comprises at least one aperture for receiving prongs of the pronged fastener.

10. A one-piece report cover with binding structure for holding a report document, the cover comprising:

10 a one-piece report cover having a back panel and a three hinged panel foldable about an edge of a report document during use;

a female connector panel having fastening means for fastening the female connector panel to the back panel of the one-piece report cover at at least two points during use;

15 an aperture through the female connector panel positioned between the two fastened points;

a male connector panel having a tab portion sized and shaped to fit through the aperture of the female connector panel, the aperture retaining the tab portion beneath the female connector panel during use; and

20 a binding element for binding the three hinged panel, a report document and the male connector panel together during use, the binding element fixing the relationship between the three hinged panel, report document and the male connector panel

preventing disengagement of the tab portion of the male connector panel from the aperture during use.

11. The cover of claim 10 wherein the binding element is a plurality of staples.

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12. The cover of claim 10 wherein the binding element is a pronged fastener and the male connector panel further comprises a plurality of apertures for receiving prongs of the pronged fastener.

10 13. In a report cover having a front panel, a back panel, a first connector panel fastened to the back panel at at least two points and a second connector panel for engagement with the first connector panel, wherein the improvement comprises:

a three hinged panel integral with the back panel, the three hinged panel foldable about an edge of a report document during use;

15 an aperture through the first connector panel positioned between the two fastened points; and

a tab portion connected to the second connector panel sized and shaped to fit through the aperture of the female connector panel, the aperture retaining the tab portion beneath the female connector panel during use.

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14. The improvement of claim 13 wherein a report document is fastened between the three hinged panel and the male connector panel by a binding element.

15. The improvement of claim 14 wherein the binding element is a plurality of staples.

16. The improvement of claim 15 wherein the binding element is a pronged fastener and the second connector panel further comprises a plurality of apertures for receiving prongs of the
5 pronged fastener.

17. A method of making a one-piece report cover with binding structure, the method comprising:

forming a female connector panel with an aperture therethrough and a three
10 hinged portion positioned parallel and adjacent an edge of the female connector panel;

forming a male connector panel with a tab shaped portion sized and shaped for
retention by the aperture through the female connector panel;

forming a one-piece report cover with a front panel, spine panel and back panel
defined by a plurality of hinges;

15 binding a document with and between the female connector panel and male
connector panel with a binding element, the binding element positioned between the edge
of the female connector panel and the three hinged portion;

fastening the female connector panel to the back panel of the one-piece report
cover;

20 pivoting the document and male connector panel about the female connector
panel by the three hinged portion;

inserting the tab shaped portion of the male connector panel in the aperture of the
female connector panel.